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# MONOGRAPH

OF THE

## WASHINGTON

# NATIONAL MONUMENT

AND

DEDICATORY CEREMONIES, FEBRUARY 21, 1885.



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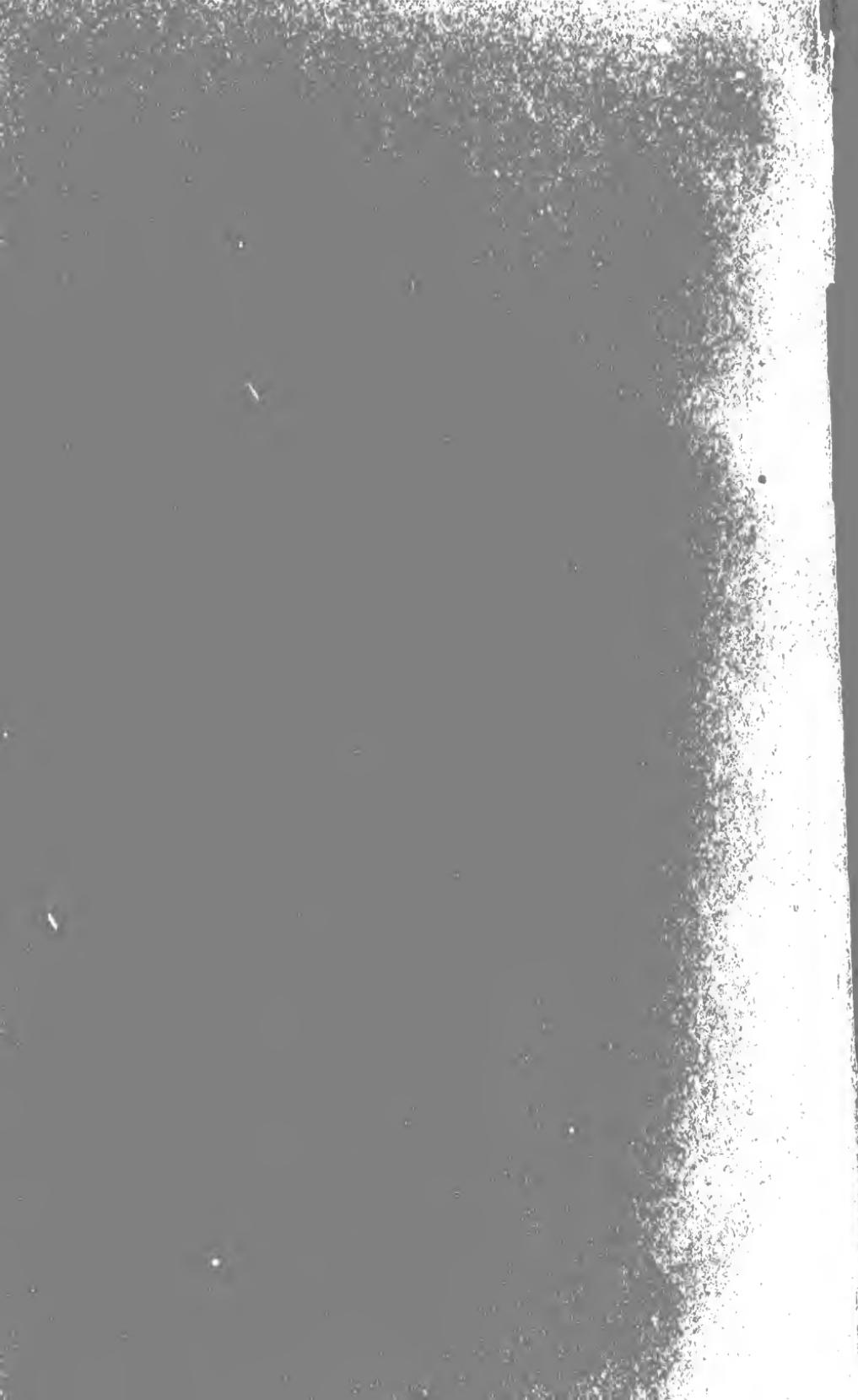
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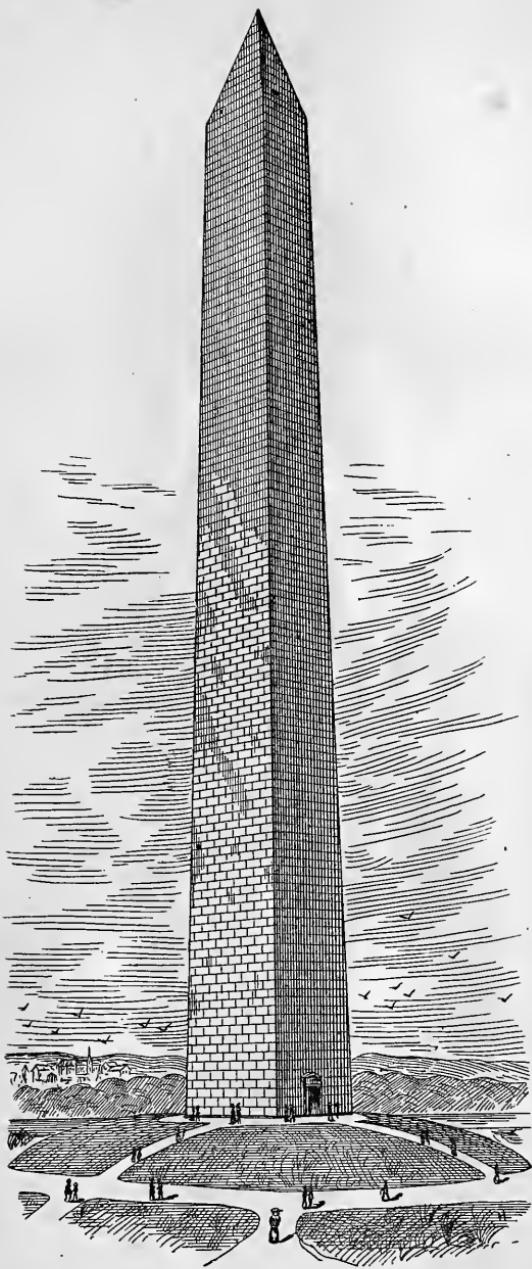
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Dedictory Ceremonies, February 21, 1885.

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# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION

FOR THE

## DEDICATION

OF THE

# Washington Monument,

FEBRUARY 21, 1885.

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### DEDICATION OF MONUMENT.

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THE CEREMONIES AT THE BASE OF THE MONUMENT WILL COMMENCE  
PRECISELY AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

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1. The Hon. JOHN SHERMAN, a Senator from Ohio, Chairman of the Commission authorized by the Joint Resolution of May 13, 1884, will preside.

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2. *MUSIC.*

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3. *PRAAYER* by the Rev. Mr. SUTER, of Christ Church, Alexandria, Va.

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4. *REMARKS* by W. W. CORCORAN, Esq., the First Vice-President of the Washington National Monument Society.

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5. *MASONIC CEREMONIES* by the GRAND LODGE of the District of Columbia.

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6. REMARKS by Colonel T. L. CASEY, the Engineer of the Joint Commission, delivering the Monument to the President of the United States.

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7. DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT to the Name and Memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON by the PRESIDENT of the United States.

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8. *MUSIC.*

THE procession will forthwith be formed, and will move to the Capitol by the following route: Through the President's square to Seventeenth street, up Seventeenth street to Pennsylvania avenue, thence along Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol, where it will be reviewed by the President of the United States from a stand at the East front.

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9. AFTER THE REVIEW THE PROCESSION WILL BE DISMISSED.

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When the procession begins to move salutes of one hundred guns will be fired at the Navy Yard, the Artillery headquarters, and Fort Myer.

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## ORDER OF PROCESSION.

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL P. H. SHERIDAN, MARSHAL OF THE DAY.  
*with a Chief of Staff, and an Aid from every State and Territory.*

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### The Military Escort.

CONSISTING OF THE REGULAR FORCES OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

CHARTERED MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS,  
*taking precedence by the dates of their charters.*

OTHER MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

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CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION.

THE ORATORS AND CHAPLAINS OF THE DAY.

THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT SOCIETY.

MEMBERS AND EX-MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MONUMENT.

THE ENGINEER OF THE MONUMENT, HIS ASSISTANTS,  
AND DETAIL OF WORKMEN.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES.

EX-PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND OTHER FEDERAL COURTS.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

GOVERNORS OF STATES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFFS,  
*taking precedence in the order of admission of their States into the Union.*

THE SENATE.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY,

*with other organizations which have made contributions for the erection of the Monument.*

CITIZENS OF STATES AND TERRITORIES,  
*and civic organizations without partisan flags or emblems, each State and Territory taking precedence in the order of its admission into the Union.*

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND  
VISITING FIREMEN.

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IN the Evening, from 8 to 9 o'clock, there will be a display of  
Fireworks near the Monument.

## ORDER OF ARRANGEMENTS

AT THE

## C A P I T O L .

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The Capitol will be closed on the morning of the 21st to all except the members and officers of Congress.

At eleven o'clock the east door leading to the Rotunda will be opened to those to whom invitations have been extended under the joint resolution of Congress, and to those holding tickets of admission to the floor of the House and its galleries.

The floor of the House of Representatives will be opened for the admission of Senators and Representatives, and to those having invitations thereto, who will be conducted to the seats assigned to them.

The President, the President-elect, the Vice-President-elect, and ex-Presidents of the United States and special guests will be seated in front of the Speaker.

The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court will occupy seats next to the President and ex-Presidents and special guests, on the right of the Speaker.

The Cabinet officers, the Admiral of the Navy, the Lieutenant-General of the Army, and the officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress, will occupy seats on the left of the Speaker.

The Chief Justice and Judges of the Court of Claims and the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme

Court of the District of Columbia will occupy seats directly in rear of the Supreme Court.

The Diplomatic Corps will occupy the front row of seats.

Ex-Vice-Presidents, Senators, and ex-Senators will occupy seats on the second, third, fourth, and fifth rows, on east side of main aisle.

Representatives will occupy seats on west side of main aisle, and in rear of the Senators on east side.

Commissioners of the District, Governors of States and Territories, general officers of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Washington National Monument Society, members and ex-members of the Joint Commission for the completion of the Monument, Engineers of Monument and detail of workmen, and guests invited to the floor, will occupy seats in rear of Representatives.

The Executive Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the families of the Supreme Court and the families of the Cabinet and the invited guests of the President. Tickets thereto will be delivered to the Private Secretary of the President.

The Diplomatic Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the families of the members of the Diplomatic Corps. Tickets thereto will be delivered to the Secretary of State.

The Reporters' Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the use of the reporters of the Press. Tickets thereto will be delivered to the Press Committee.

The Official Reporters of the Senate and of the House will occupy the Reporters' desk in front of the Clerk's table.

The Marine Band will be in attendance.

Upon the arrival of the Procession at the Capitol, and immediately after passing the reviewing stand, the Members of the Senate will proceed to the Senate Chamber; the

Members of the House to the Hall of the House ; the Judiciary to the Supreme Court Room.

The Diplomatic Corps will proceed to the Senators' Withdrawing Room ; the President, ex-Presidents, the Cabinet, the President-elect, the Vice-President-elect, to the President's Room.

The House being in session, and notification to that effect having been given to the Senate, the Senate in a body, preceded by the President, ex-Presidents, the Cabinet, the President-elect, the Vice-President-elect, the Judiciary, and Diplomatic Corps, will be conducted to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate will occupy the Speaker's chair and will preside.

The Speaker of the House will occupy a seat at the left of the President of the Senate.

The other officers of the Senate and of the House will occupy seats on the floor at the right and the left of the Speaker.

The Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Doorkeeper of the House are charged with the execution of these arrangements.



# PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

## Hall of the House of Representatives.

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PRAYER will be offered by the Rev. S. A. WALLIS of Pohick Church, near Mount Vernon, Virginia.

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MUSIC.

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ORATION by the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts, read by the Hon. JOHN D. LONG, a Representative from Massachusetts.

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MUSIC.

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ORATION by the Hon. JOHN W. DANIEL, of Virginia.

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THE BENEDICTION will then be pronounced by the Rev. JOHN S. LINDSAY, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

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MUSIC.

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*During which the assemblage will disperse.*

## HISTORICAL NOTE.

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On the 7th of August, 1783, the Continental Congress unanimously resolved (ten States being present)—

“That an equestrian statue of General Washington be erected at the place where the residence of Congress shall be established in honor of George Washington, the illustrious Commander-in-chief of the Armies of the United States of America during the war which vindicated and secured their liberty, sovereignty, and independence.”

At his death a joint committee of both Houses of Congress was appointed to consider a suitable manner of paying honor to his memory. On December 24th, 1799, it was resolved by Congress—

“That a marble monument be erected by the United States at the city of Washington, and that the family of General Washington be requested to permit his body to be deposited under it, and that the monument be so designed as to commemorate the great events of his military and political life.”

Mrs. Washington acceded to the request, but the resolution was not executed.

On the 8th of May, 1800, a select committee of the House of Representatives submitted resolutions directing that the resolution of Congress of 1783 be carried *into execution*, as well as the resolution of 1799. That part referring to the resolution of 1783 was amended to require a *mausoleum* for George Washington to be instead erected, and for this purpose, later, a bill passed the House of Representatives, January 1st, 1801, appropriating \$200,000, but the Senate did not concur.

The resolutions above mentioned remaining unexecuted by Congress, in 1833 some citizens of Washington formed a

voluntary association for "erecting a great national monument to the memory of Washington at the seat of the Federal Government." This was the original idea of Congress, and because there appeared little probability of carrying it out this organization was formed. The progress of the Society at first was slow, for the reason that, in order that *all* might give, the contributions were limited to one dollar; but the restriction was afterwards removed.

Having, by 1848, accumulated sufficient funds to justify the Society in commencing work, on the 4th of July that year the corner-stone was laid with imposing ceremonies. Work progressed steadily until 1855, when it was suspended for lack of funds. Congress was memorialized, but without result. The shaft had attained a height of 152 feet above the floor. Subsequently 4 feet were added, which addition, however, was removed, in 1880, prior to resumption of work on the shaft.

The advent of the war a few years later interfered with the public interest in the work, and during that period and subsequently the shaft remained as left in 1855. The funds of the Society were but little augmented, though every effort was made to acquire the money requisite to complete the work. At last, in 1876, Congress passed an act appropriating \$200,000 to continue the construction of the Monument, and, supplementary appropriations being annually made, the shaft was finally declared finished on the 6th of December, 1884. The strengthening of the foundations, and the practical construction of the shaft, was accomplished by Colonel Thos. Lincoln Casey, Corps of Engineers, engineer in charge, detailed under the joint commission constituted by the act of August 2d, 1876, to supervise the erection of the Monument.\*

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\* See page 30.

# WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT,

## WASHINGTON, D. C.

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### **CONCISE DESCRIPTION—DETAILS IN THE CONSTRUCTION.**

FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF

**COL. THOS. LINCOLN CASEY,**

*Corps of Engineers, Engineer in Charge.*

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### SITE.

The Monument is located adjacent to the Potomac river, on a Government reservation comprising  $78\frac{1}{2}$  acres, and being public property, the view of the shaft entire will never be obstructed. The site is one marked on Major L'Enfant's map of Washington city for a proposed statute to Washington, which was voted to be erected by the Continental Congress in 1783, and which map was examined, *approved*, and transmitted to Congress by Washington when President. It was also the site for the monument to the heroes of the Revolution, which was proposed in the year 1795.

The Monument stands close to the intersection of the Jeffersonian meridian line of 1802, passing through the centre of the Executive Mansion, north and south, *with a* line running due east and west through the centre of the Capitol building; and had there been no recession of that part of the District of Columbia lying in Virginia, would have stood in about the centre.

The elevation of the ground on which the Monument stands is 26 feet above low tide-water in the Potomac river.

## FOUNDATION.

The original foundation was of blue gneiss rock, in large blocks, as they came from the quarry, laid in lime mortar, (with a small portion of cement,) was 80 feet square at base, covering an area of 6,400 square feet, pyramidal in shape, having offsets or steps, and extended 7 feet 8 inches below ground and 15 feet 8 inches above ground.

Being enlarged and strengthened by Col. Thos. Lincoln Casey, Corps of Engineers, engineer in charge, the *present* foundation is 126 feet 6 inches square, covering an area of 16,002 square feet, "36 feet 10 inches in depth," and "extends down to a level 6 inches below the permanent "level of water in the site on which the Monument is "located." This work consisted in "digging away 70 per "centum of the earth under the old foundation, and to a "depth of 13 feet 6 inches beneath it, and replacing this "earth with a mass of concrete extending 18 feet within the "outer edges of the old foundation and 23 feet 3 inches with- "out the same line. To distribute the pressure of the shaft "over this new foundation the *old* rubble stone base was "torn from under the walls of the shaft and replaced by a "concrete underpinning extending *out* on to the new con- "crete slab. In this work 51 per cent. of the cubical centents "of the old foundation was removed, and 48 per cent. of the "area of the shaft undermined."\* In this last operation the corner-stone was exposed. The material employed in this work was Portland cement concrete (mixture of one part cement, two parts sand, three parts pebbles, four parts broken stone).

An 8" block-moulded June 25th, 1879, and *tested* October 17th, 1879, showed first crack at pressure of 105,000 lbs.; maximum pressure, fracturing it 122,000 lbs., or 1,906 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. per square inch.†

\* Annual Report of Col. Casey, December, 1884.

† Annual Reports of Col. Casey.

## SHAFT

Slightly over nine times the base, being 500 feet  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inches high; base, 55 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches square; top, 34 feet  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; thickness of walls at *entrance*, 15 feet; at *top*, 18 inches; batter of walls outside,  $.247 \pm$  of an inch to one foot rise. The top of the *shaft* is  $\frac{5}{8}$ ths the width of the base, and it would come to a *point* at a height  $2\frac{2}{3}$  its present altitude.

*Walls*.—Facing of pure white marble, the new portion from the Beaver Dam quarry, Baltimore county, Md.

*Interior Backing*.—Rubble masonry for a height of 150 feet; above, dressed granite, from New England quarries, to height of 452 feet; remainder, to reference, 500 feet, marble through-and-through. “The courses are uniformly two feet “in rise, the blocks of a wider bed than their rise, and the “bond, the Flemish, alternate header and stretcher.” The marble, fine grained and durable, weighs  $178\frac{1}{2}$  pounds to the cubic foot.

*Interior Well of Shaft*.—For first 150 feet, 25 feet square, receding *outward* for distance of 10 feet, between the levels 150 and 160, enlarges to 31 feet 6 inches square.

*Ascent*.—By means of iron stairway and steam elevator, supported by a construction of eight vertical Phoenix iron columns (four  $6\frac{1}{2}$  and four  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches internal diameter) I beams, channels, and ties; four columns terminate at the height of 500 feet and four within the roof at 517 feet, which four sustain the elevator machinery above. The eight columns are arranged in concentric squares.

*Stairway*.—In alternate, short flights, strung along the north and south sides of the well, connecting with platforms, 4 feet 8 inches wide (to height of 150 feet), and 7 feet  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide, 20 feet apart on a side, and extending along the east and west walls, being 50 flights and 900 steps.

*Elevator*.—Capacity, 10 tons, with factor of safety of 15.

## PYRAMIDION

Of marble, 55 feet in vertical height; of 262 separate pieces of stone, containing 3,764 cubic feet of dressed stock. The covering slabs are but 7 inches in thickness, and these rest upon projections or spurs upon the marble ribs. These ribs are twelve in number, three on each side of the well, springing from the interior face of the walls at the height of 479 feet. "They are then carried upward until "the ribs nearest the angles of the shaft meet in the hips of "the pyramidion, while those in the centre of each face are "connected still higher up by voussoir stones, forming two "arches, intersecting each other at right angles. The trust "of a corner rib is transmitted to its opposite by the use of "horizontal stones between their upper extremities." The keystone of the centre ribs is at the height of 529 feet. The weight of the pyramidion is 300 tons. Cap-stone weighed 3,300 lbs., crowned by a small right pyramid of pure aluminium  $5.6 \pm$  inches at its base,  $8.9 \pm$  inches high, weighing 100 ounces, being the *largest* piece of this metal ever cast in any country.\*

Total height of Monument above *floor*, 555 feet  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches, or 597 feet 3 inches above mean low water in the Potomac, or 596 feet 9.36 $\pm$  inches above the mean level of the Atlantic at Sandy Hook, N. Y.†

*Number of Stones in the Shaft* above 150 feet, 9,613.

Some 14,000 barrels of Portland cement used in new foundation and shaft.

Weight of foundation and earth upon it.....	36,912 tons.
" 150 feet of old portion of shaft.....	22,373 "
" new portion of shaft.....	21,260 "
" pyramidion .....	300 "
" iron frame .....	275 "
 Total weight .....	 81,120 "

*Pressure of Masonry* upon underlying soil "nowhere greater "than nine tons per square foot, and less than three tons "per square foot near the outer edges of the foundation."\*

\* Report of Col. Thos. L. Casey, engineer in charge, Dec., 1884.

† U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, December 1, 1884.

*Settlement*, since work was commenced to present date (Dec., 1884), about four inches. "The greatest difference, "nearly a half inch, between the southeast and northwest "corners, occurred during the introduction of the new "foundation, and aided materially in correcting the deviation of the shaft from a perpendicular."\*

*Lightning Rods* are four in number, properly connected with the aluminium point, by a single copper rod passing upward through the cap-stone, and also to the tops of the four central iron columns in the shaft, the bottoms of these columns grounded through copper rods passing into a small well in the centre of the foundations.

#### VIEW.

Two port openings or windows are provided in each of the four faces of the pyramidion, or roof, 4 feet above the landing at level 500 feet, being on three sides 18 inches by 3 feet, and on the east 2 feet by 3 feet. The windows have swinging closures of marble to protect the interior from inclemency of weather.

#### LIGHTING.

The interior of the shaft is lit up by incandescent electric lights disposed through it at various heights.

#### COST.

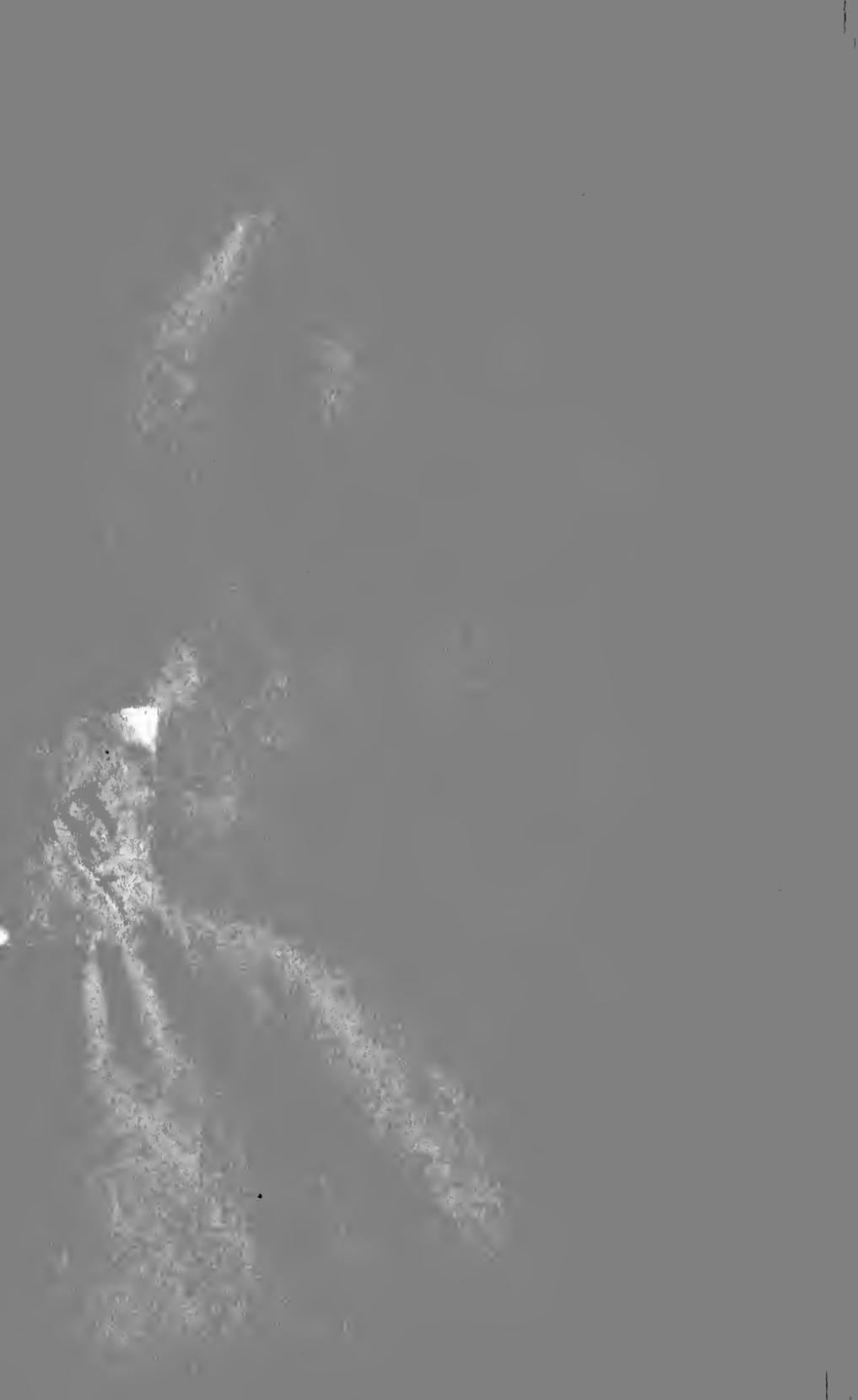
Amount raised by contributions from the people,  
and expended in rearing Monument to 156 feet. \$300,000  
Appropriated by Congress (August 2, 1876, to De-  
cember, 1884) ----- 900,000

\*Report of Col. Thos. L. Casey, engineer in charge, Dec., 1884.



HOISTING THE CAP-STONE.

Dec. 3. 1884.





TOP OF MONUMENT.  
Dec. 6, 1884.



# INSCRIPTIONS

ON THE

## FOUR FACES OF THE ALUMINIUM POINT CROWNING APEX OF MONUMENT.

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(NORTH FACE.)

JOINT COMMISSION

AT

SETTING OF CAP-STONE.

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CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

W. W. CORCORAN, *Chairman.*

M. E. BELL.

EDWARD CLARK.

JOHN NEWTON.

*Act of August 2nd, 1876.*

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(WEST FACE.)

CORNER-STONE LAID ON BED OF FOUNDATION

JULY 4, 1848.

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FIRST STONE AT HEIGHT OF 152 FEET

LAID

AUGUST 7, 1880.

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CAP-STONE SET DECEMBER 6, 1884.

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(SOUTH FACE.)

CHIEF ENGINEER AND ARCHITECT,

THOS. LINCOLN CASEY,

COLONEL CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

*Assistants:*

GEORGE W. DAVIS,

CAPTAIN 14TH INFANTRY.

BERNARD R. GREEN,

CIVIL ENGINEER.

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MASTER MECHANIC,

P. H. McLAUGHLIN.

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(EAST FACE.)

L A U S D E O .

# INSCRIPTION

ON

COPPER PLATE COVERING DEPOSIT-RECESS IN THE  
CORNER-STONE OF MONUMENT.

4th JULY, 1776.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

4th JULY, 1848.

THIS CORNER-STONE LAID OF A MONUMENT,  
BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE  
MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

JAMES K. POLK,

*President of the United States and Ex-officio President of the Board of  
Managers.*

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# ARTICLES DEPOSITED

IN

RECESS IN THE CORNER-STONE OF THE MONUMENT

ON JULY 4, 1848.

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Historical sketch of the Washington National Monument Society, since its origin, in MS.

Copy of the grant for the site of the Monument under the joint resolution of Congress.

Constitutions of the Washington National Monument Society, addresses, circulars, commissions, instructions, form of bond, from 1835 to 1848.

Large design of the Washington National Monument, with the *fac-simile* of the names of the Presidents of the United States and others. Lithographed.

Large design of the Washington National Monument. Lithographed.

Portrait of Washington, from Stuart's painting, Faneuil Hall.

Small design of Monument and likeness of Washington, with blank certificates for contributors.

Constitution of the United States and Declaration of Independence; presented by Mr. Hickey.

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Laws of the Corporation of Washington; by A. Rothwell.

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Report of the Commissioner of Patents, 1847; by Edmund Burke.

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Proceedings of the General Society of the Cincinnati, with the original institution of the order and *fac-simile* of the signatures of the original members of the State Society of Pennsylvania; by Charles L. Coltman.

Constitution and General Laws of the Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men of the District of Columbia.

By-Laws of Powhatan Tribe, No. 1, and General Laws of the Great Council of the same Order.

The Temple of Liberty, two copies, one ornamented and lettered with red. The letters are so arranged in each that the name of Washington may be spelled more than one thousand times in connection; by John Kilbourn.

American Silk Flag; presented by Joseph K. Boyd, citizen of Washington, District of Columbia, on the 4th of July 1848.

Design of the Monument, small plate, produced by a process called electrotype; by Chas. Fenderich, Washington.

A copy of the Constitution of the first organized Temperance Society in America; by L. H. Sprague, July 4, 1848.

Sons of Temperance in the District of Columbia.

Coat of Arms of the Washington family; by Mrs. Jane Charlotte Washington, July 4, 1848.

All the coins of the United States, from the eagle to the half-dime, inclusive.

**NEWSPAPERS.****MASSACHUSETTS.**

Worcester Palladium	Worcester.
Salem Oracle	Salem.
The Telegraph	Gloucester.
Cape Ann Light	"
Boston Daily Atlas	Boston.

**CONNECTICUT.**

New England Weekly Gazette	Hartford.
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**NEW YORK.**

Irving Democrat	Irving.
Long Island Farmer	Jamaica.
Cayuga New Era	Auburn.
Troy Daily Post	Troy.
Troy Daily Whig	Troy.
Journal and Advertiser	Auburn.
Auburn Daily Advertiser	"
Star of Temperance	"
New York Day Book	New York.
Mercantile Times	"
Northern Christian Advocate	Auburn.
New York Daily Sun	New York.
New York Weekly Sun	"

**PENNSYLVANIA.**

American Democrat	Carlisle.
Pennsylvania Democrat	Uniontown.
Lycoming Gazette	Williamsport.
American Press Republican	Lancaster.
Daily Morning Post	Pittsburg.
Lancaster County Farmer	Lancaster.
Bradford Argus	Towanda.
Pittsburg Daily Gazette	Pittsburg.
Daily Morning Telegraph	"
Pennsylvania Republican	York.
North American U. S. Gazette	Philadelphia.
Public Ledger	"

**MARYLAND.**

Somerset Herald	Somerset.
Der Somerset Republican	"
Marlboro Gazette	Upper Marlboro.
Baltimore Daily Sun	Baltimore.
Baltimore American	"

**VIRGINIA.**

Spirit of Jefferson	Charlestown.
Valley Whig	Fincastle.
Martinsburg Gazette	Martinsburg.
Weston Sentinel	Weston.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

North Carolinian	Fayetteville.
Old North State	Elizabeth City.

## GEORGIA.

Federal Union	Milledgeville.
Southern Recorder	"

## ALABAMA.

Mobile Register and Journal	Mobile.
Mobile Daily Advertiser	"
Alabama Tribune	"
Hannibal Journal	Hannibal.

## MISSISSIPPI.

Weekly Jacksonian	Holly Springs.
Vicksburg Weekly Whig	Vicksburg.
Mississippi Telegraph	Louisville.

## OHIO.

Daily Cincinnati Gazette	Cincinnati.
Western Reserve Chronicle	Warren.
Greenville Banner	Greenville.
Buckeye Eagle	Marion.
Defiance Democrat	Defiance.
Democratic Herald	Greenville.
Claremont Courier	Batavia.
Massillon Telegraph	Massillon.
Mahoning Index	Canfield.
Troy Weekly Times	Troy.
Daily Cleveland Times	Cleveland.
Cleveland Plain Dealer	"
Democratic Inquirer	Portsmouth.

## KENTUCKY.

Western Citizen	Paris.
Kentucky Flag	Mazeville.

## FLORIDA.

Quincy Times	Quincy.
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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

National Intelligencer	Washington.
Union	"
National Era	"
Saturday Evening News	"

NOTE.—The papers above all contained articles relative to General Washington, or the erection of the (then) proposed National Monument to his memory.

## LIST OF BLOCKS

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Massachusetts.	Florida.	Wisconsin.
Connecticut.	Alabama.	Minnesota.
Rhode Island.	Mississippi.	Kansas.
New York.	Louisiana.	Nebraska.
Pennsylvania.	Texas.	Wyoming.
New Jersey.	Arkansas.	Dakota.
Delaware.	Tennessee.	Montana.
Maryland.	Missouri.	Utah.
Virginia.	Kentucky.	Nevada.
West Virginia.	Ohio.	California.
	Indiana.	
Turkey.	Siam.	Bremen.
Greece.	Brazil.	Switzerland.
Japan.	Paros and Naxos, in Gre- cian Archipelago.	Cherokee Nation.
China.		

## CITIES AND TOWNS.

New York City.	Washington City.	New Bedford, Mass.
Philadelphia, Pa.	Alexandria, Va.	Lowell, Mass.
Warren, R. I.	Frederick, Md.	Nashville, Tenn.
Boston, Mass.	Charlestown, Mass.	Newark, N. J.
Baltimore, Md.	Little Rock, Ark.	Salem, Mass.
	Durham, N. H.	

## A. F. AND A. M.

Patmos Lodge, Md.	Grand Lodge of Florida.
Grand Lodge of Maryland.	" " Pennsylvania.
" " Ohio.	" " Arkansas.
" " Mississippi.	" " Georgia.
" " Kentucky.	" " District of Columbia.
" " New York.	Roxbury Lodge, Mass.
" " Virginia.	St. John's Lodge, Richmond, Va.
" " Alabama.	

## I. O. O. F.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.	Grand Lodge of United States.
" " Mississippi.	" " Maryland.
" " Kentucky.	Philadelphia, Penna.
" " Indiana.	Eureka Lodge 117, of New York city.
" " Iowa.	Troy, New York.
" " Virginia.	Germantown, Penna.
" " New Jersey.	

## SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Grand Division of North Carolina.	Grand Division of Ohio.
" " Connecticut.	" " Rhode Island.
" " Illinois.	Philadelphia, Penna.
" " New Jersey.	

Mount Lebanon Lodge, B. B. B.	United Sons America, Pennsylvania.
Washington Naval, & A. Y. M.	American Whig Society.
Addisionian Literary Society.	Hibernian Society, Baltimore, Md.
" Cincinnati Commercial, 1850."	Independent United Order of Brothers.
	United American Mechanics, Phila.

Fire Department, New York city.      Fire Department, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Invincible Fire Company, Cincinnati, O.      Co. I, 4th U. S. Infantry, 1851.  
 Washington Light Infantry, D. C.      National Greys, Washington, D. C.  
     Continental Guards of New Orleans.  
 First Regiment, Light Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteers.  
 Westmoreland county, Va., Birthplace of Washington.  
 " Braddock's Field."  
 " Battlefield of Long Island."  
 Association Journeymen Stone-cutters, Philadelphia, Penna.  
 " From the Home of Knox—Citizens of Thomaston, Maine."  
 Hawkins county, Tenn.  
 " From Otter's Summit—Virginia's loftiest peak."  
 Oakland College, Miss.  
 General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Washington, May, 1852.  
 American Institute, New York.  
 " Maryland Pilgrims."  
 German Benevolent Society, Washington, D. C.  
 Columbia Typographical Society, Washington, D. C.  
 " Postmasters and Assistant Postmasters, Indiana, 1852."  
 " Pupils of the Public Schools, Baltimore, Md."  
 Cliosophic Society, Nassau Hall, N. J.  
 Wilmington, North Carolina, Thalian Association.  
 Tuscarora Tribe, District of Columbia, I. O. R. M.  
 Anacostia Tribe, No. 3, I. O. R. M.  
 Oldest Inhabitants' Association, Washington, D. C.  
 Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Mosaic block—ruins of Ancient Carthage.  
 From Chapel of William Tell, Luzerne, Switzerland.  
 Americans residing in Foo-Chow-Foo, China, 1857.  
 " From the Temple of Æsculapius, Island of Paros. Presented by  
     Officers of U. S. S. Saranac."  
 American Medical Society.  
 Jefferson Society, University of Virginia.  
 Lava—Vesuvius. Geo. Wm. Terrell.  
 Pupils Buffalo Public Schools.  
 Honesdale, Wayne county, Penna., 1853.  
 Citizens of Stockton, San Joaquin Co., Cal.  
 " From two Disciples of Daguerre."  
 Children of Sunday Schools, M. E. Church, city of New York.  
 Ladies and Gentlemen—Dramatic Profession of America.  
 Erina Guard, Newark, N. J.  
 Sons of New England in Canada.  
 " From Alexandrian Library in Egypt."  
 " From Tomb of Napoleon, St. Helena."

# TRANSLATIONS

OF

## INSCRIPTIONS ON FOREIGN BLOCKS.

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### **TURKEY.**

“ So as to strengthen the friendship between the two countries, Abdul-Majid Kahn has also had his name written on the Monument to Washington.”

These words form a chronogram—“1269-1779 of the Hegira.” Above the inscription is a monogram signifying “Abdul-Majid, son of Mahomet Kahn.” Upon a lower corner, “Written by the court poet, Mustapha Izyt.”

Block is of white marble, highly polished, and ornamental.

### **BREMEN.**

“ Washington dem Grossen und Gerechten das befreundete Bremen.”

(Friendly Bremen to the great and good Washington.)

### **JAPAN.**

“ Exported from the harbor of Simoda, in the Province of Isu, the fifth month of the year Ansey Tora.” [April, 1853.]

### **GREECE.**

Block of white marble from ruins of the Parthenon :

“ George Washington, the hero, the citizen of the new and illustrious liberty : The land of Solon, Themistocles, and Pericles—the mother of ancient liberty—sends this ancient stone as a testimony of honor and admiration from the Parthenon.”

## CHINA.

"Su-Ki-Yu, by imperial appointment, Lieut. Governor of the Province of Fuh Kun, in his Universal Geography, says: 'It is evident that Washington was a remarkable man. In devising plans, he was more decided than Chin-Shing or Wu-Kwang;\*' in winning a country, he was braver than Tsau-Tsau or Lin Pi.† Wielding his four-footed falchion, he extended the frontiers thousands of miles, and then refused to usurp the regal dignity, or transmit it to his posterity, but first established rules for an elective administration. Where in the world can be found such a public spirit! Truly, the sentiments of the three dynasties have all at once unexpectedly appeared in our day! In ruling the State, he promoted and fostered good customs, and did not depend on military merit. In this he differed from all other nations. I have seen his portrait; his air and form are grand and imposing in a remarkable degree. Ah! who would not call him a hero?

'The United States of America regard it promotive of national virtue generally and extensively neither to establish titles of nobility and royalty nor to conform to the age, as respects customs and public influence, but instead deliver over their own public deliberations and inventions, so that the like of such a nation—one so remarkable—does not exist in ancient or modern times. Among the people of the Great West, can any man, in ancient or modern times, fail to pronounce Washington peerless?'

"This stone is presented by a company of Christians, and engraved at Ningpo, in the Province of Che Heang, China, this third year of the reign of the Emperor Heen Fung, sixth month and seventh day." [July 12, 1853.]

\* Chin Shing and Wu-Kwang, two Chinese patriots, who commenced the overthrow of the Tsin dynasty (B. C. 209), remarkable for their vigor of character.

† Tsau-Tsau destroyed the Han dynasty A. D. 220, and Lin Pi, having survived all his own efforts to uphold it, founded the Shuh State, which had a short duration.

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### Remarkable Buildings and Structures in the World, PAST AND PRESENT.

	<i>Feet. Inches.</i>
Washington National Monument, Washington, D. C., from floor of shaft to apex	555 $5\frac{1}{8}$
Topmost point above mean low tide in Potomac river, 597 feet 3 inches; or, above mean level of Atlantic, Sandy Hook, N. Y., 596 ft. $9.36\pm$ in.	
Dome of New Municipal Buildings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from curb line to top of statue of Wm. Penn	537 4
Spires of Cologne Cathedral, commenced 1248, from pavement of street	524 11+
From pavement of church	515 1
Spire of Old St. Paul's, London, destroyed by lightning 1561	508
Pyramid of Cheops (base 764 ft. sq.)	480'
St. Nicholas Cathedral, Hamburg	473
Strasburg Cathedral, finished 1439	468
Spire, Landshut, Germany	465
Notre Dame, Rouen	465
St. Peter's, Rome—commenced 1513, completed 1614—to top of cross	457
Stack, (brick,) Townshend's, Glasgow, Scotland	454
Pyramid of Chepheren, (base 707 ft. sq.)	454
St. Stephen's at Vienna	449
Stack at Glasgow, Scotland, (Tennant's,) St. Rollox, from surface to cope	435 6
St. Michael's Cathedral, Hamburg	428
Cathedral of Amiens, Central Spire	422
Saulsbury Spire, (A. D. 1350)	404
S. W. Spire of Chartres, finished 1330	403
Antwerp Cathedral, commenced 1422, finished 1518	402
Lubec Cathedral	395
Spire of Friburg in the Brisgau, finished 1330	383
Amicus Cathedral	383
Church of St. Peter, Hamburg	380
St. Maria, Florence, commenced 1229, dome finished 1444	376
Hotel de Ville, Brussels, (A. D. 1455)	374
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Stack, Cast-Steel Works, Bochum, Prussia	330
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From low tide level, Potomac river	275 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
From curb Pennsylvania avenue and First st. west	360 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
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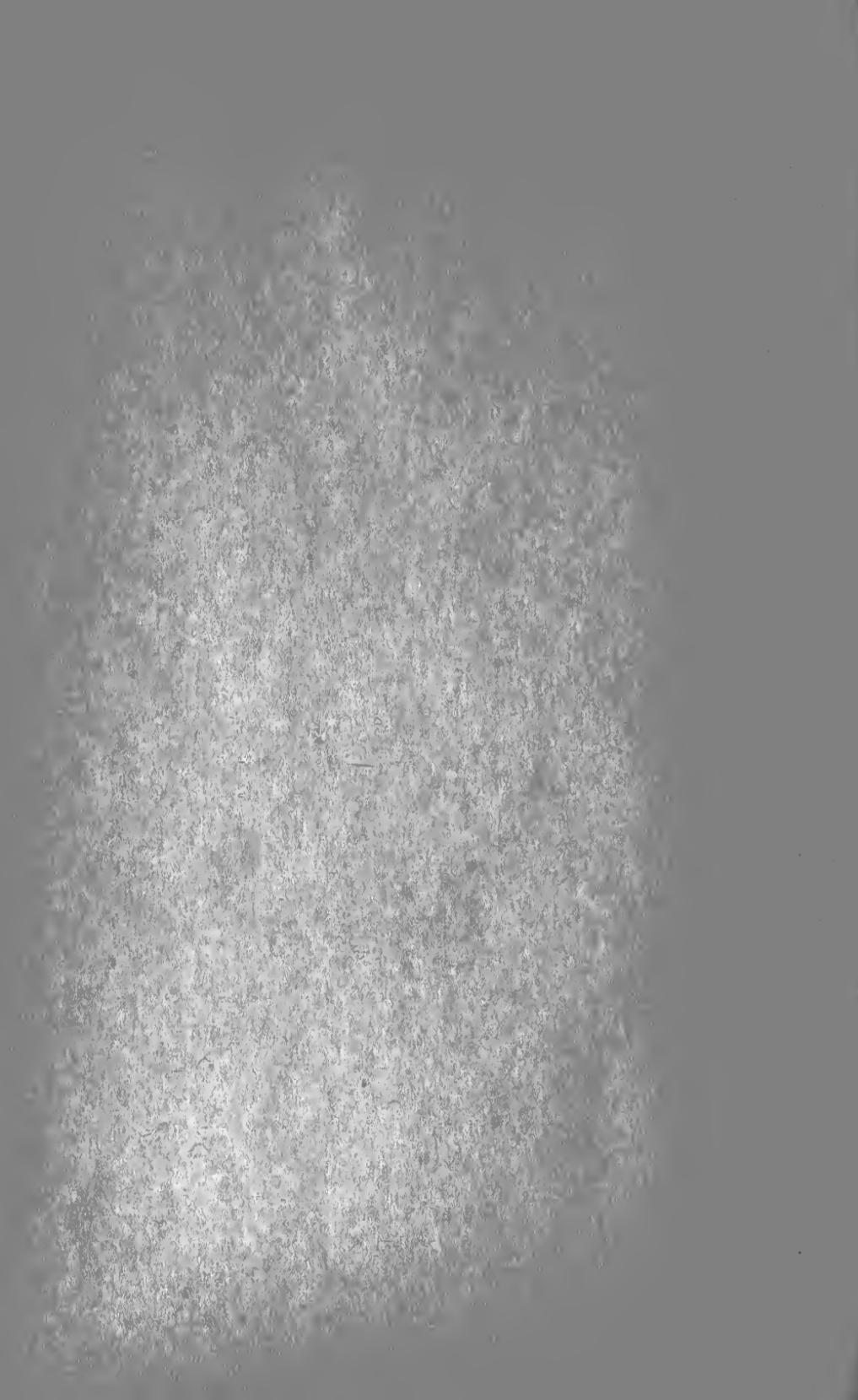


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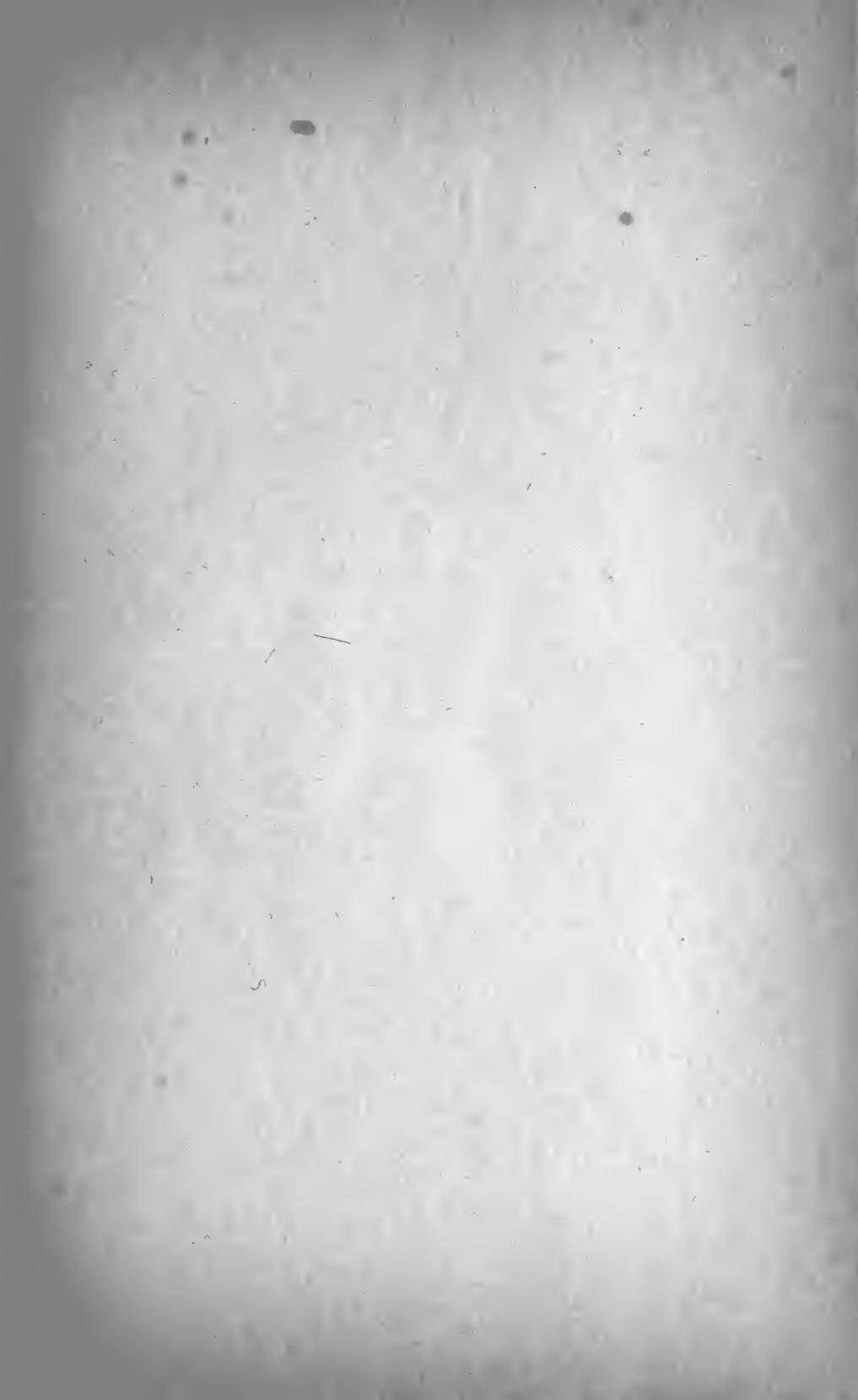




























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